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UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

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Sir:

With this submission, Applicants request continued examination of the above identified application under 37 CFR §1.114. A Fee Transmittal authorizing the Commissioner to charge the fee as set forth in §1.17(e) to our deposit account is attached. This submission is in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 25, 2003 and meets the reply requirements under 37 CFR §1.111. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the application by amending claims 1 and 12 and canceling claims 23 and 24 as indicated in the complete listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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